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SUBJECT: TURKEY CONFIRMS AIR KORYO OVERFLIGHT REQUESTED AND
SETS CONDITIONS

REF: A. SECSTATE 13637
 1B. ANKARA 263

Classified By: Pol-Mil Counselor Carl Siebentritt, Reasons 1.4 (b) and
(d).

(S) MFA Department Head for Aviation Hamit Olcay confirmed on March 3 that the GOT received on February 29 an overflight clearance request for an Air Koryo flight scheduled for March 11 from Pyongyang to Damascus, with a stop in Tehran (ref a). Olcay further confirmed that Turkey has requested the aircraft land for inspection as a condition for granting overflight clearance, as the MFA had previously indicated (ref b). The GOT has not received a response from Air Koryo as to whether the flight will still take place.

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